Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Saturday 15 Oct 2022 until 23:59 on Sunday 16 Oct 2022

Forecast Issued on Saturday 15 Oct 2022 at 03:27 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for a cold changeable weekend and into Monday then a drier spell next week. Lower for timing of rain, summit snow and wind strengths later Sunday and early Monday.

Headline for Saturday 15 Oct 2022: Mostly cloudy with showers, snow on the upper slopes, and a few bright or sunny intervals. Strong cold south to southwest wind.

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 15 Oct 2022

Blizzards Low Likelihood	**Heavy persistent snow** Low Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales Low Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** High Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Medium Likelihood
Thunderstorms Low Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** Low Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Sleet	Light rain showers	Sunny intervals	Heavy rain showers	Sleet showers (night)	Sleet
Precipitation probability					
80%	30%	20%	40%	40%	70%

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Weather: Heavy rain and summit snow breaking to more occasional showers around dawn with a few sunny intervals possible especially over the north and east of the area. Showers becoming heavier and more frequent from mid-afternoon, snow down to 900-1000m at times, perhaps some lightning. Further showers in the evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 40% - best chance around the middle of the day in north and east.

Low cloud and visibility: Low cloud: periods 500-800m around daybreak rising to about 900m, perhaps well broken for a time in the north and east but falling again in showers especially from mid-afternoon. Visibility outside cloud: Occasionally poor in showers but a spell of better visibility around the middle of the day.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	31/37 S	26/32 SW	30/38 SW	26/32 SW	18/23 S	13/18 S	15/20 SW
900	29/34 S	24/31 SW	29/37 SW	25/31 SW	18/23 S	12/17 S	14/19 SW
600	20/25 S	18/24 S	23/30 SW	20/26 SW	11/17 S	9/13 S	9/14 SW
300	4/24 S	4/21 SW	8/28 SW	6/23 SW	2/15 S	2/10 S	2/13 SW
Glen	11/23 S	8/19 S	13/23 SW	11/21 SW	5/15 SE	5/10 SE	4/10 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	1/-7	0/-7	1/-7	1/-6	0/-6	0/-5	0/-5
900	1/-6	1/-6	2/-6	2/-5	1/-5	1/-4	1/-4
600	3/-2	3/-2	4/-2	4/-1	4/-0	3/0	3/-0
300	5/4	5/4	7/5	7/6	5/4	5/4	5/4
Glen	7/4	8/6	10/7	9/7	8/6	8/7	7/6
Freezing Level*	1200m	1000m	1000m	1000m	1000m	1100m	1100m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Note the very low feels like temperatures.

Forecast for Sunday 16 Oct 2022
Weather: Frequent showers overnight, snow above 900m, but becoming more scattered during the morning with a much brighter afternoon to follow, some sunshine. This sun fading as high cloud increasing towards evening, thickening and lowering to bring rain from late evening.

Maximum wind: Westerly 40 gusts 60mph at first easing 25mph by midday then backing southeast and strengthening in the evening up to 35 gusts 55mph.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 30% at first then 80% for the afternoon falling 60% from mid evening.

Low cloud and visibility: Cloud occasionally 600-900m at first but breaking and lifting during the morning. Some cloud to 900m late evening. Visibility away from cloud: Occasionally poor in early showers and late evening rain, but mainly good by day.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 6 rising to Plus 12 Celsius
At 800m: Plus 3 rising to Plus 5 Celsius.
Freezing level: 1100m.

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